

PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009
6:15 P.M.

Roll Call: The Rushville Parks & Recreation Board met on the above date and time at the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15th Street, Rushville. President Denny Corn called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Members present were Liz Crain, Anna Karen Pennington, Tim Shuppert, Jan Voiles and Tim Yazel. Also present were Parks Director Danny Mathews, City Attorney Ron Wilson, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Councilmen Mike Buckley, Council President Bill Goins and several members of the Riverside Park Amphitheater Committee.

Minutes: Minutes of February 10, 2009 was presented for approval. Shuppert made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Reports: Mathews reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 11th at noon. The Parks Department will be handing out echo mics to all kids again this year and said help would be greatly appreciated. Show up at 11:30!

Claims: Reviewed prior to meeting by Pennington and Yazel. Pennington moved to approve the claims for the month. Yazel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved.

New Business: Request from St. Patricks Committee - Corn stated there has been a request from the St. Patricks Committee for family pool passes to be raffled off at the Irish Fest. For those new members on the board Corn explained The St. Patricks Committee donates \$2,500 to the Amphitheater concert series each year in return for the donation. Crain moved to approve the donation of two pool passes to the St. Patricks Committee. Voiles seconded. Motion carried.

Amphitheater Committee Update – Chairman Mike Pavey stated we have started building the new restrooms at the Amphitheater. They are rolling pad to put in foundation and slab as we speak.

The lineup of concerts and sponsors are in tonight's paper. Thanks Jan!

Dates for events at Amphitheater are as follows:

May 16th – Community Day – Carter Lanning Band 1-3

Cake Walk 3-4 and Karaoke from 4-6.

June 6th – Amish Open Mic Band – Local Group

Eight Days a Week – Beatles Tribute band

June 20th – Donald Lee Burns Band – Local Group

Casey Jamerson – Country

July 11th – Gordon Bonham Band

Roomful of Blues

July 25th – Joey Bowen Acoustic

Zanna Doo

August 15th – Irish Fest

Mother Grove

Mickey Finns

August 22nd – Dave Barnes & Low Flying Aircraft

Wright Patterson Air Force Band

Corn stated he would like to see a set of plans for the new restrooms and explained that when the new pool was built things were not done proper. The Parks Department is responsible for the maintenance and he's sure the Parks Department will be responsible for these restrooms too and would just like to see a set of plans. He would also like for all the Parks Board to have a set of the plans.

Corn doesn't want us to get in the same situation with the restrooms that we did with the pool. Pavey stated no problem.

Corn stated he just wants to know what the Parks Department has to take care of.

Pavey said we have changed directions. We wanted to put a tank in and then pump and haul the waste.

Gary Cameron oversees the construction and after investigating there was three criteria we were to meet and we didn't meet them.

Now we will use a force main, ran by gravity which will pump it, grind it and shoot it out.

We have found this will be the best way to do it.

McQueary block has agreed to help out.

Corn said he appreciated the Amphitheater Committee coming and explaining what is going on.
He said it is nice to know things.
Pavey explained that our board is proud of what we are doing.
Corn said we all share the same vision as to where we are headed.

Corn then shared with the Amphitheater committee a concern that a few of the Parks Board members have with the beer.
Corn stated he seen in minutes that class reunions are showing an interest and is wondering who will be responsible if someone wrecks.
Pavey stated everyone on the Amphitheater committee has duties. John McCane is in charge of the beer garden.
McCane came forward and stated each person has permits to sell liquor; a city permit is purchased to sell the liquor. On the permit it states we can sell liquor from 12 pm to 12 am. There are controls in place.
There is a different color arm bands for different groups of people. All ID's are checked. Those over 21 will receive a certain color arm band and those in the class reunions will receive a different color arm band.
We only allow people to buy two drinks at a time. That way they can't buy 6 and take them out into the audience and give to underage drinkers.
If you don't have an arm band on, you don't drink. If security sees someone drinking without an arm band they are escorted out of the park.
No alcohol is to be brought into the park. Security randomly checks coolers.
We pour our alcohol into cups. If someone is seen drinking from a can or different glass they will be asked to leave or take alcohol back to their car.
If you don't have a wrist band you can't drink.
If the concert ends at 10:30 we quit selling alcohol a half hour early.
If the reunions are over at midnight then we would quit selling alcohol at 11:30 which means we would only be serving alcohol for an hour after the show.
It will make us money McCane said.
Pennington asked if they can carry any alcohol in? McCane stated no.
Reserve Officers do a good job.
We spot check coolers and check the crowd.
Last year McGowan Martial Arts held a training session for all Amphitheater members on how to handle people until the police can arrive.
The beer garden generates money.
Reunions are fun. Brings people in from out of town.

Voiles stated she feels we (Amphitheater Committee) knows what they are doing and knows the law. She feels the whole group should be commended. She said "If it's not broke, don't fix it".
McCane stated the Amphitheater Committee did do a survey last summer at the concert series in reference to alcohol. Tables were set up at the T-Shirt table and also at the Beer Garden and we got 295 yes's and 10 no's.
Corn asked if there would be a hardship if there was no beer.
Pavey said probably 5-8.
Corn asked what was the budget down there.
Pavey said \$50,000.
This concert series this year will total \$38,911.00. Just in acts.
We are able to raise money in sponsorships. Everything we buy is stamped with Riverside Park on it.
Other than facility we raise the money to put on the shows.
Corn said he was just wondering what the difference would be if there was no beer there.
McCane said he would love to just come and watch a show and not have to work but enjoys doing them.

Corn said his concern is you can't drink in other parks.
Little leagues can't drink.
Pavey said this is an alcohol free park except for concert events.
We know what we are doing and know our limitations.
Sharpe said not only do we make money off alcohol we also make money off of the rental of the tent.
Corn said he doesn't feel we need any more exposure.

Yazel questioned the liability insurance and what the cap is on it.
Sharpe stated the City has a rider/waiver and she has had to fill out a questionnaire and give them a list of dates each year.
Sharpe will check with Schroeder's to see how much the cap is.

City Councilmen Mike Buckley was present and stated there is an ordinance which states committee will have to lease the park off the City to have alcohol.
Buckley asked who was responsible – Parks Board, City or Amphitheater Group?

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City Attorney Ron Wilson stated there is a \$500,000 per person per occurrence. There is a limit per occurrence.

Mathews stated he feels Mike and the group does a good job and the Mayor has reiterated that too.

Pavey said this is a family venue and is being marketed as a #1 venue.

Corn stated he just don’t want alcohol to be an issue.

Sharpe will get back with the Parks Board with copy of insurance policy.

It was decided to keep things like they are this year and revisit it at the end of the season.

Corn asked Pavey for a set of plans and stressed that the block layers need to have workman’s comp and liability insurance.

Items Not Known In Advance:

Mathews asked the Parks board’s permission to purchase a rototiller for the back of his tractor. The cost is \$1,700 from Orseland. The Street Department and Parks Department will be using this equipment for ditching and smoothing things out. He will take this out of Non Reverting Fund. Is a 5 foot or 6 foot. Corn asked if Street Department will share the cost. Mathews stated no they donated a dump truck to the Parks Department. Mathews stated his tractor is due in the end of April or first of May. Crain moved to allow Mathews permission to buy the rototiller. Pennington seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

DENNY CORN, PRESIDENT

TIM SHUPPERT, VICE PRESIDENT

TIM YAZEL, MEMBER

JAN VOILES, MEMBER

ANNA KAREN PENNINGTON, MEMBER

LIZ CRAIN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY